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For: METHOD FOR CONDITIONING SUBSTRATES USING AN ELECTROKINETIC GEOSYNTHETIC STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4 through 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21 through 26, 28 through 30 as follows:

4. (amended) A method for conditioning a substrate mass as claimed in claim 1 wherein the supply system is in hydraulic and electrical continuity with the electrokinetic geosynthetic structure and a reservoir.

5. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 comprising additionally reversing the polarity of the conducting elements during the method, or supplying conditioning material of different charge during the method.

6. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the substrate is selected from soil, loam, earth, sod, clay, weak rock, gravel,